

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

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> Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-3315)

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>AUDIO</u>

Present: Chair John H. Hybarger, Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg M.D.

M.P.H. and Commissioner Greg Bombard

Excused: Commissioner James W. Etter and Commissioner Lee Wax

Call to Order. (12-3116)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:03 p.m.

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

**1.** Approval of the April 12, 2012 Minutes. (12-3117)

On motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

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2. Review of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending April 30, 2012 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (12-3118)

Ms. Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff, reported the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance as of April 30, 2012 is \$142,430.78. This includes outstanding encumbrances totaling approximately \$32,680.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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3. Review of the Commission Donations Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation, ending April 30, 2012 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (12-3119)

Ms. Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff, reported the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report as of April 30, 2012 was \$3,996.99; this does not include the \$2,500 which was inadvertently disbursed from this account instead of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund. A request to our accounting division has been made to reverse this transaction.

Chair Hybarger reminded the Commission that they received a grant from the Responsible Anglers Association in 2010 to be used for the California Department of Fish and Game E-Boat maintenance program and related fishing activities. The Chair requested Ms. Famuyiwa to inquire about the grant funds and report back at the next Fish and Game meeting.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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**4.** Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission:

#### Notice of Endangered Species:

Gray Wolf (Canis Lupus)

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action taken on the following:

**Election of Commission Officers** 

Blue Cavern State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)

Public use of Department of Fish and Game Lands

Klamath-Trinity Rivers Salmon Sport Fishing

**Upland Game Hunting** 

Kelp Bass

Waterfowl Hunting

Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing

Notice of Proposed Emergency Regulatory Action taken on the following:

Blue Cavern State Marine

Notice of Proposed Amendment on the following:

Permits and inspection of facilities

Wildlife Conservation Board Consideration on the following:

Allocation consideration

Response to Request (12-1641)

On motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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#### **II. REPORTS**

**5.** Commissioners' Reports for July 2012. (12-3120)

Chair Hybarger attended the Los Angeles County First Responder Training Course at Whittier Narrows in an attempt to prevent killing of innocent animals wondering in urban settlements; such as the mountain lion found in Santa Monica, California.

#### **III. PRESENTATIONS**

6. Presentation and consideration of a grant proposal from the International Bird Rescue in the amount of \$5000, to offset the cost of rehabilitating admitted animals on a day-to-day basis due to injuries from human impact; act of nature, such as an algal bloom or botulism outbreak or in the event of a large scale emergency. (12-3217)

Erica Edwards, Development and Communications Director of International Bird Rescue (IBR), reported IBR responsibilities are to rescue ill seabirds and aquatic birds and release them back into the wild after rehabilitation. IBR's team of specialists operates the rescue center

year round at Fort McArthur Park in San Pedro, California, which cares for over 2,000 birds annually. The rescue center is owned by the Department of Fish and Game and is the key trauma center in California. Their primary purpose is to be readily available to handle oil spill wildlife rescues that may occur anywhere in the world. Presently, IBR is rehabilitating an unprecedented number of pelican epidemics found in California.

In response to Vice Chair Aronberg's inquiry, Julie Skoglund, Wildlife Center Manager, Los Angeles, stated IBR has an educational component/outreach; an internship program for people around the world, and they work closely with the Department of Fish and Game. The San Pedro location has two class rooms and a part-time instructor for a one hour class conducted three days a week, to discuss the environment, its impact on birds and IBR's contribution. Ms. Skoglund estimated \$700 is spent to care for approximately 90 birds per day. The mortality rate is at 50 percent. She assured the Commission that, if the grant is approved, the fund will only be used for the treatment of seabirds and aquatic birds by way of food or emergency care.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant fund request from International Bird Rescue in the amount of \$2,500 to provide temporary care for injured or ill seabirds and aquatic birds.

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### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

7. Matters not posted on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3121)

Vice Chair Aronberg read a National Academy of Science article on the Calfornia condor and asked why the Department of Fish and Game restricts the use of lead bullets. Chair Hybarger mentioned restrictions to use lead bullet in the Northern part of Los Angeles County is to save the California condor from extinction. For small game a shot gun is permissible. Condors located in the wild are still being cared for and feed by humans. Vice Chair Aronberg mentioned veterinarians are using

chelation on condors to remove the toxic metal.

### **Public Comment**

**8.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-3122)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

## **Adjournment**

**9.** Adjournment of the meeting of July 12, 2012. (12-3123)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.